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REMARKS

Pursuant to the interview with Examiner Hoosain on November 29, 2005, the applicant has limited the scope of each apparatus claim to a subscriber multi-media communication management system and limited the scope of each method claim to a method for operating a subscriber multi-media communication management system.

Further, pursuant to the telephone call with the Examiner on February 24, 2006, this Supplemental Amendment includes further amendments to distinguish over Carlsen and Knauerhase. The claims are marked to show changes over Applicants response of May 18, 2005 to the notice of Non Complaint Amendment.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) based on being anticipated by US Patent 5,550,907 to Carlsen. Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) based on being anticipated by US Published application 2003/0023691 to Knauerhase. Claims 1-5, 9-14, and 18-22 have been amended. Claims 6-8 and 15-18 have been canceled.

In general, both Carlsen and Knauerhase relate to routing in bound telephone calls or messages based on presence information.

Carlsen teaches a system which tracks when a person was last present at each of a plurality of terminals. When an inbound telephone calls (dialed to a number associated with a person) is received, it is routed to a "Service Control Point" (Steps 302 through 305 of Figure 3). The Service Control Point polls a plurality of terminals, and each responds with the time of day at which the person was last logged onto the terminal. The SCP routes the call to there terminal at which the person was most recently "logged on".

Knauerhase teaches a system wherein a message is sent to a recipients identity rather than to a specific device address or communication channel (PSTN, Wireless telephone, LAN, ect) associated with the person. A discovery component is responsible for collecting information about the availability of each of the

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person's potential communication channels [0016]. The message is then routed to the person over a channel based on the information about the availability of each of the person's potential communication channels.

Claim 1

The applicant's invention, as set forth in independent claim 1 as amended, relates a subscriber multi-media communication management system for operation with a plurality of subscriber stations, at least one of which includes a docking bay for operatively coupling a subscriber device to the subscriber station (see Page 9, L13 of the Substitute Specification). The subscriber multi-media communication management system does not relate to routing of inbound calls. The subscriber multi-media communication management system includes a session control circuit which includes:

means for receiving a message from a subscriber station indicating that a subscriber device has been operatively coupled thereto; (P20, L23 of Substitute Specification);

means for accessing a subscriber contact directory associated with the subscriber device operatively coupled to the subscriber station,

means for receiving data from the subscriber station indicating subscriber selection of a selected contact from the subscriber contact directory; (P23, L21-L24 of Substitute Specification) and

means for communicating a control message to the subscriber station which provides for the subscriber station to establish an audio session channel to a packet voice gateway and for the packet voice gateway to establish an audio session channel to a destination associated with the selected contact (P23, L28 to P24, L1 of Substitute Specification).

Claim 10

With specific reference to claims 10, the method, as amended, includes:
establishing a communication session with a selected subscriber station over a

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network communication link;

receiving a message from the subscriber station indicating that a subscriber device has been operatively coupled thereto (P20, L23 of Substitute Specification);

accessing a subscriber contact directory that is associated with the subscriber device operatively coupled to the subscriber station;

receiving an indication of subscriber selection of a selected contact from the subscriber contact directory; (P23, L21-L24 of Substitute Specification) and

communicating a control message to the subscriber station which provides for the subscriber station to establish an audio session channel to a packet voice gateway and for the packet voice gateway to establish an audio session channel to a destination associated with the selected contact (P23, L28 to P24, L1 of Substitute Specification).

Claim 18

With specific reference to claims 18, the method, as amended, includes:

establishing a communication session with a selected subscriber station over a communication link;

receiving a message from the subscriber station indicating that a subscriber device has been operatively coupled thereto (P20, L23 of Substitute Specification);

accessing a subscriber contact directory that is associated with the subscriber device operatively coupled to the selected subscriber station;

receiving an indication of subscriber selection of a selected contact from the subscriber contact directory (P23, L21-L24 of Substitute Specification);

establishing a first audio communication channel over the communication link with the subscriber station to which the subscriber device is operatively coupled; and

establishing a second audio channel over at least one of the communication link and a service provider communication medium to a destination associated with the selected contact.

Dependent Claims 2-5, 9, 11-17, and 19-22

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Claims 2-5, 9, 11-17, and 19-22 each depend from one of independent claims 1, 10, or 18 and can be distinguished over Carlsen and Knauerhase for at least the same reasons. Further, the additional elements and or steps recited in such claims further distinguish such claims over Carlsen, Knauerhase and the other art of record.

Accordingly, claims 1-5, 9-14, and 18-22 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,


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